

## BIG FUSS COMING IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Charges Made That Prominent Athletes Are Over Age Limit.

An upheaval that may bring about some highly interesting facts and incidentally result in the disqualification of some of the most prominent High School athletes of this city, is threatening the interscholastic league.

The board of faculty directors is now guided by one of the most stringent eligibility codes in effect in any city, and in its efforts to keep clean the sports of the schoolboys has been most strict in its rulings.

One of the regulations that has been adhered to particularly has been the age limit of twenty-one. No matter what scholastic standing an athlete may have, he is barred from all interscholastic competitions on the day he reaches his majority, or, at least, that is what the regulations require.

Recent investigations, however, have developed that there have been during the past year members of certain teams whose record in this regard is open to suspicion. Although all of the athletes have been certified as under age, certain close followers of the High School games are not entirely satisfied, and an effort is now being made to ascertain the exact age of several players. If reports are to be believed, one of those against whom the investigation is being aimed is captain of a team.

For some time there have been rumblings directed particularly at the football squads, but the investigations were not started until last week, when, in the statements of a non-school organization the ages of several of those High School athletes were published, showing them to be already beyond the limit. Should it be found that this is true, those behind the present movement will attempt to go thoroughly into the matter of ineligible players and probe the standing of all those participating in the recent baseball series. Whenever a boy enters high school, a record is made of his age, and this is supposed to guide the athletic authorities in case there should be any doubt as to his eligibility in later years.

## MARATHON FEVER GROWING Apace

### CONTESTANTS' TIME.

	Time.
Winner, Henri St. Yves, France.....	2:44:05
Second, John Svanberg, Sweden.....	2:50:54
Third, Ted Cook, United States.....	2:52:10
Fourth, Fred Simpson, American Indian.....	2:54:13
Fifth, Fred Appleby, England.....	2:56:17
Sixth, Dorando Pietri, Italy.....	2:58:19
Seventh, Edouard Cibat, France.....	3:03:28

NEW YORK, May 9.—The fact that 20,000 people were on hand yesterday at the Polo Grounds to see St. Yves win the great international Marathon race testified to the intense interest in that sport which still exists all over the country.

Instead of the Marathon fever dying out, it seems to be getting stronger, and there is no telling where it will end. The Wisacres have been predicting that the professional game would become crooked, but there have been no evidences of it to date. And, while the professionals have been drawing wonderfully well, the amateurs are doing as well if not better, and every announcement of a new contest draws forth enthusiastic approbation from the athletes and the public.

St. Yves, the plucky little French runner, is today heralded as the greatest Marathon runner in the world, as a result of his defeat of a large and classy field. The foreigner broke the tape six minutes ahead of the place man. Time, 2:44:05.

Never Headed.

At no time was the Frenchman headed, although during the early stages of the race the performance of Svanberg, the Swedish champion, who came second, was threatening. He stuck close behind the Frenchman for the first ten miles, but was unable to hold the steady pace, and was five laps behind when St. Yves crossed the line.

St. Yves' failure to equal the record which he set in his last race was due to the absence of sprits which characterized the previous event. At no time during the race was the champion forced to extend himself, and seemed content to go along at his minding gait. Even at the finish he refused to break his gait and sprint.

### LONGBOAT BEATEN

BY ALFRED SHRUBB

MONTREAL, May 9.—Al Shrubbs, the English long distance runner, ran away from Tom Longboat, the Indian, in a fifteen-mile race on the grounds of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association yesterday, and won by a margin of a mile in 1 hour 22 minutes 57 seconds.

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## PLEA OF INSANITY FOR TELLING FANS TEAM HAD CHANCE

Recent Work of Nationals Vastly Discouraging to Spring Prophets—An Impractical Suggestion—Lewis-Melody Fight Has Bad Look.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

At last we have the answer!

"We are going to plead insanity as an excuse for thinking Washington had a really good baseball team this year when we accompanied it on the spring trip. The only trouble is, that while suffering from that temporary hallucination we failed to go into the borrowing business. With our predictions, and the actual showing so far, we could have copped out half a million dollars, got off a little gibberish when interviewed by reporters, and robbed every widow in the city without the slightest fear of conviction. It's sad to think how sometimes opportunity knocks at the door and is turned away. The only borrowing we did was a matter of \$1 from a newspaper man in Toledo, and before our mind cleared we paid him back.

Looks like it is going to be Jake Stahl's best year in the big league.

It would be good newspaper work to call upon President Tom Noyes, of the Washington club, and ask him what he thinks is the matter with the team. Such was our intention until that 1 to 0 score in favor of the Athletics in Philadelphia yesterday, and now we have not the heart or the nerve. If we were president and a reporter pestered us with such a foolish question we would start a tirade between his face and a brick just to relieve our feelings. As a matter of fact, he could hardly tell the fans anything they do not already know. A careful reading of the game shows that Washington played well, field, pulling off four double plays, to say nothing of excellent individual stunts by Delehanty and others. Each side made five hits, but old Kid Slump was there on the job and caused two of the five swats by the Athletics to be bunched in the same inning for one lonely but efficacious tally. It certainly is discouraging. It's like rain on Easter Sunday when you have paid the milliner a little something extra to have the hat finished the night before.

This is one day the team won't lose. It is traveling, and can't play.

A follower of baseball, who signs himself "A Fan," and generally has something sensible to say, makes a suggestion which is published elsewhere on the sporting page today. His principal suggestion is to put Freeman on first, Unglaub on second, and Delehanty in the outfield. Freeman and Unglaub can play the positions he names, but Delehanty has never been a success in the outfield, and it is extremely doubtful whether a veteran like him would learn the duties in time to make him valuable in the rubarb. Teaching old dogs new tricks has been preached against for many years in various lines of endeavor, and it is true of baseball. Blankenship was figured as a possibility in center this season, but will hardly be seen there except in dire emergency, because he showed that he had been so long a catcher he simply could not train his eye to the outfield work, and made many ludicrous mistakes. Pitchers not infrequently become outfielders, because they have a habit of practicing against the fungo ball, but for an infielder who is set in his ways to be transferred to the pastures is another problem.

Clymer stole the only base.

Congratulations are due the Potomac Boat Club for its date to row Yale at New Haven on May 22. It is a great compliment to the Potomacs, and they have won it by their showing in all the big regattas of the East. Not that they have themselves reduced the holding of regattas to a science, and no better conducted affairs of the kind are to be found in the United States. The strength of the Potomac crew this season is problematical, but there is hardly a chance that it will not be strong enough to force Yale out and give just what the Blue coaches want—a thorough training. The crew is using a new rowing system this season, copied after that of the English crews. The men do not sit directly over the keel, as in American shells, but to one side, alternating, of course. The theory is that the further a man sits from the outrigger the better leverage he gets. It was largely a desire to test the effectiveness of this system that caused a preliminary race with the Potomacs to be arranged, and the Potomacs were selected. May 23 falls on Saturday, and on May 31 the Potomacs will appear in the Decoration Day regatta on the Harlem river. Thus they will kill two birds with one stone, so to speak, and save a bunch of money in expenses.

While Paris is a long way off, it is hardly too far to smell some of the suspicion about that fight there last night in which Willie Lewis knocked out Honey Melody in four rounds. Lewis has a bad reputation in this country as a fixer of fights, while Melody was supposed to have retired from the ring because he had a serious case of heart disease no club doctor would pass him. Melody had already beaten Lewis twice, and when they engaged last night there was apparently no good reason why he should not be entirely different from the Washington club and make it three straight. The accounts say that Melody was overconfident and was constantly rushing in unprotected. That is one of the simplest ways to pull off a fake. A careful boxer becomes astonishingly careful.

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## FOLEY IS PLEASED WITH THE SHOWING

Work of Central High Team in Tying Tome Breeds Confidence.

The seventh annual interscholastic track and field games of Tome Institute were held yesterday afternoon at Port Deposit, Md.

Lawrenceville Prep carried off the team honors, with a total of 31 points, with Episcopal High of Alexandria, and Central taking second and third places. The meet was the most successful in the history of track athletics at the Maryland school.

Pendleton, the Episcopal leader, was the bright individual star of the meet, with three firsts to his credit. However, to do this he was forced to break the track record and set a new one in the 220-yard, and run the hundred in 10 flat, which equals the Tome record.

The work of the Central High boys was in no way disappointing to their supporters. Although the men were confident of carrying the premier honors this year, Coach Foley expressed himself as well pleased, and predicted a victory for Central in the dual meet with Episcopal next week.

The work of Clarke, of Morris High School, in the field events; Suran, of the Atlantic City High School, in the middle-distance runs, and Luke, of Lawrenceville, in the hurdles, was excellent, carrying off two firsts.

Dr. Orton acted as referee and, assisted by a well experienced body of officials, ran the events off in quick succession.

## AMATEUR DEFIS

The Second Shamrocks defeated the Knickerbockers in a five-inning contest yesterday afternoon by 10 to 1.

Eddie Jackson, for the winners, pitched an excellent game, holding the losers to four hits.

The Shamrocks would like to arrange games with teams averaging fifteen years. Address Joseph J. Thorne, 1413 Thirty-fifth street northwest.

The Georgetown Olive Club wants games with the Sherman A. C., Brad-dock A. C., Franklin A. C. and Second Rockvilles. For games address H. S. Wells, 2331 S street, or J. S. Reynolds, 1229 Thirtieth street northwest.

The Southeast Club defeated a team from the third year class of Central High School yesterday by 20 to 12. The game was rather slow, but was made interesting in spots by the brilliant fielding of Crust and Thompson, and the batting of Flynn for the winning team.

Any team in the city, average fourteen to sixteen years, can get games by communicating with Thomas Barry, 1214 Third street southwest, or Raymond Vernstien, 1201 Third street southeast, managers of the Young Utilities.

Winning their fourth consecutive game the Marshpouts overwhelmed the Cowboys at Sixteenth and Gales streets northeast, yesterday, by 23 to 15. The feature of the game was the batting of the Marshpouts in the ninth inning, when they scored ten runs.

The Madrids want games with teams averaging fifteen years of age. Address A. Passagno, 2345 Prout street southeast, Twining City, D. C. The line-up: Her-bert, shortstop; Zey, second base; Passagno, first base; Henning, third base; Mosula, right field; Wyler, left field; Wetten, center field; Rankins, pitcher, and Steele, catcher.

Manager F. H. Newham, of the Towers A. C., challenges all independent teams in the city. His charges line up as follows: Cleveaux (captain), catcher; Brown, Barry, and Bradley, pitchers; Newham.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.  
Philadelphia, 1; Washington, 0.  
Cleveland, 8; Chicago, 4.  
Boston, 6; New York, 4.

Games Today.  
Cleveland at Chicago.  
Detroit at St. Louis.

Standing of the Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit.....	14	6	.700
New York.....	11	7	.611
Boston.....	10	8	.556
Philadelphia.....	8	8	.500
Chicago.....	8	9	.471
Cleveland.....	8	9	.471
Washington.....	5	11	.313
St. Louis.....	5	12	.294

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.  
Philadelphia, 8; Brooklyn, 2.  
Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 2.  
St. Louis, 8; Pittsburgh, 0.  
Boston, 2; New York, 1.

Games Today.  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

Standing of the Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh.....	12	7	.632
Philadelphia.....	10	6	.625
Boston.....	10	7	.588
Chicago.....	12	12	.500
Cincinnati.....	12	13	.485
Brooklyn.....	7	10	.412
New York.....	6	10	.375
St. Louis.....	8	14	.364

## RECTOR WILL RUN IN S. A. A. GAMES

Virginia Flyer to Compete in Southern Championship Sprints on May 15.

The fifth annual championship track and field meeting of the South Atlantic Association, Amateur Athletic Union, will be held on Homewood Field, Baltimore, next Saturday afternoon, with the prospect for some of the best competition and fastest records that have ever been made in the South. The number of clubs to be represented is larger than ever, and there will be more athletes competing than at any other championship meeting of the South Atlantic Association.

At least three organizations, the Baltimore Athletic Club, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Virginia, will be keen contenders for the club point trophy, with George Washington University as a probability. The Virginia team, lead by Rector, Olympic team sprinter, will be strong in every event except the weights and distance runs, the Baltimore Athletic Club will concentrate its best efforts on the sprints and middle distance runs, and Johns Hopkins will be as strong as the Virginians in every event except the hurdles and high jump, and much stronger in the distance runs.

George Washington will have to depend for most of its points on Lepper in the sprints, King in the broad jump, Smithson in the quarter mile, Sterrett in the pole vault, Fleming in the two-mile run, and Walcott in the high jump, with no capable second string men to pick up stray single points for third places.

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